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IN RE APPLICATION OF:  
McCoy, et al.

SERIAL NO. 09/832,303

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TITLE: IMPROVED METHOD FOR CUSTOM IMPRINTING PLASTIC IDENTIFIER TAGS

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Dear Sir:

In further response to the Office Action dated 05/02/03 via this substituted response in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (per Examiner's request of today's date), please consider the following amendments and remarks made in a good faith attempt to move prosecution of this application forward to a proper allowance of claims.

Please note that any and all fees associated with this response, including any applicable extension fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.136, and any fees for newly present claims, may be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned, Account No. 50-0894. Applicant here requests such extensions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 as may be necessary to render this response timely.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An improved process for imprinting plastic identification tags with durable indicia comprising the steps of: